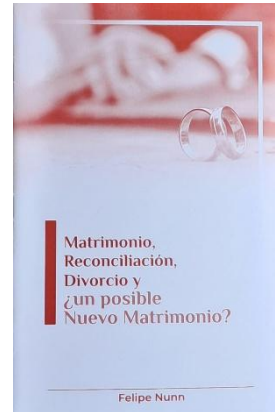


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Dear friends and family,

Can a dead person hear? Obviously not. In John 11 we read how the Lord Jesus resurrected a dead man. What happened when Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”? (v.43). Some would say that the miracle of resurrection occurred before Jesus spoke, that Lazarus needed to be alive in order to listen and respond to the call of Jesus. Such also say that a sinner, who is “dead in... transgressions and sins” (Eph. 2:1) first needs to be born again (regenerated) before he can hear God’s call and believe and be saved. After Lazarus had died, the Lord Jesus told his disciples “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up... Jesus had been speaking of his death...” (v.11-13). The powerful voice of God always reaches its intended destination; it is always heard, be it when He speaks to large fish or a worm as in Jonah’s story, to the wind and waves or to a fig tree (Mark 4:39; 11:14), or through Moses to a rock (Num. 20:8). Dead Lazarus heard the Master’s voice. Likewise, when the powerful Spirit of God speaks to the heart of a spiritually dead sinner, he cannot but hear. Then follows the question if the sinner can or can’t *choose* to respond in repentance and faith.

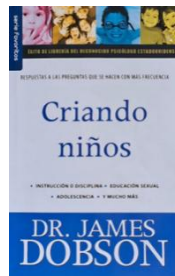


The above is one of a number of theological discussions we encounter here in Colombia. Perhaps you have noticed that an increasing number of new believers arrive with complex relationships, with children of different fathers, not married yet living together, divorced, remarried, etc. God’s will is clear in Scripture: marriage is a lifelong covenant between a man and a woman, and sex receives God’s blessing only within marriage. In order to provide some guidance, last month Philip published a short booklet (15 pages) titled: “[Marriage, Reconciliation, Divorce and a possible New Marriage](#)”.

If interested, it can be freely downloaded as an eBook from philipnunn.com.



Life in Ibagué: We have begun our third year living in Ibagué and are thankful to the Lord for the opportunities of service we see here.



Anneke continues her involvement in visitation and in the monthly women’s meetings. She begun a new monthly meeting for about 10 mothers, on how to bring up children, based on a book by James Dobson. Every participant reads 1 or 2 chapters during the month, which are discussed when together.



Philip leads weekly bible studies in two different homes, also seeking to develop gifts and leadership. It is a challenge to meet and develop relationships with unbelievers. Every Sunday afternoon a football field is hired from 5 to 6 pm. Our football WhatsApp group is run by believers, and usually more than half of the players are non-

believers. Philip joins most Sundays. We begin every match with 'El minuto de Dios' (God's minute), where we read a verse from Scripture, share a short thought and prayer.

Building project: About 4 months ago we submitted a design for our new meeting room. The idea is to knock down the old house where the church currently meets. If all goes well, building permission will be granted this December so that work may begin in January 2026. Our felt thanks to those of you who have contributed towards this project.

Life in Colombia: The focus of our time here in Colombia is on building up the church in Ibagué. But during 2025 we have also contributed to other regional and national events, such as the Emmaus Congress and a Family camp in Bogotá, a marriage weekend near Pereira, five workshops on 'Doctrine and Hermeneutics' in Puerto Boyacá, and three visits of 4 days to teach the FEB students in Pereira (on the books of Samuel, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Hebrews and 1 Peter).

Christian Network School: We continue to support this initiative where Sunday School teachers seek access to local government schools to bring the gospel of Jesus to many children. In Colombia the project is called 'Bienestar Moral' (Moral wellbeing), and the strategy is to teach different moral values (which schools are required to teach) using Bible stories. Together we created a [new website](#) for this ministry to encourage school directors to open the doors of their school to this project. We support the 9 teachers with gifts in proportion to the hours they teach. This project requires regular financial support. Please consider being part of this evangelist project. Support is currently needed.

Family life: We were happy to visit Europe for 5 weeks round the month of September. We focused mainly on family visits. Early September we spent a short week in Valencia, Spain, for the wedding of our youngest daughter Julie with Jorge Readings. It was lovely meetings Jorge's family for the first time. We thank the Lord often for four children, their spouses and our 6 grandchildren. They enrich our lives. We are also thankful that they love the Lord Jesus and seek to serve Him in their different settings.





We also spent a week in the UK visiting Philip's sister (Chela and Peter), brother (John and Carolyn) and elderly mother (Annemarie Wilts). Her Alzheimer is progressing. It looks like she has forgotten her Spanish and English and now speaks mainly incoherent Dutch. Sadly, she did not recognize us. Losing memory makes for a lonely existence!



Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. Our thanks too to those of you who regularly pray for us and support us and the work we are doing here.

Philip & Anneke

